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NEW BRITISH AIR SERVICE.

England to South Africa.
EVERY WEEK.

Rugby, Yesterday. On Wednesday a thirty-eight seater aeroplane will set out from Croydon on the first stage of its eight thousand miles' journey to Cape Town, and thereafter a regular weekly service in both directions, between London and South Africa, is projected.

After a month of trial trips with mails only, passengers will be taken.

The aeroplanes will cover the distance in eleven days, which, it is hoped, will later be reduced to nine days.

The fare has been provisionally fixed at £130, including accommodation en route.

Five types of aircraft, including giant flying boats, will be used during each journey.—British Wireless Service.

BURMA RICE.

Reduced Exportable Surplus.

London, Yesterday. The Government of Burma reports that the exportable surplus of rice is likely to be considerably less than was expected owing to the failure of the late rains.—Reuter.

[India and Burma together are estimated to yield 35 million tons of rice.]

M. BRIAND AND
SIR JOHN SIMON.

Paris, Yesterday. M. Briand, replying to Sir John Simon's letter, says that

KILIMANJARO ALMOST SCALED

BRITISH GIRL'S FEAT AT MOUNTAIN - CLIMBING
WITHIN 2,000 FEET OF TOP.

Remainder of Party Retire with Mountain - Sickness.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Dar-es-Salaam, Yesterday. A young Surrey girl has succeeded in climbing alone to within two thousand feet of the summit of Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain.

The male members of the party, to which she belonged, were overcome by mountain-sickness at 17,000 feet and had to retire to the nearest rest camp.

The young lady is the daughter of Mr. W. H. Bingham, a retired African business man.

Kilimanjaro, the great mountain of East Africa, is the highest known summit of the continent, rising to a height of 19,720 feet in a volcanic cone from a plateau of 8,000 feet. Though completely isolated it is but one of the several summits that crown the eastern edge of equatorial Africa. It is situated about 200 miles due south of Mt. Kenya.

The major axis of Kilimanjaro runs almost east to west, and on it rise two principle summits, Kibo in the west and Mawenzi (Kilimaweni) (16,892 ft.) in the east, Kibo being the higher of the two. These two peaks are about 7 miles apart, being separated by a saddle or plateau about 14,000 ft. in altitude.

The lava slopes of the Kibo peak are covered to a depth of some 200 ft. with an ice-cap, which where ravines occur, form genuine glaciers. The craggy walls are highest on the north, three small peaks rising from the rim of this side. The centre and highest of these is the culminating point of the mountain, and is called "the Father Wilhelm Stoeber".

Like other mountains of equatorial Africa, Kilimanjaro presents

GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN INDIA

NO-RENT CAMPAIGN FLICKERING OUT

RETURN TO SANITY

IMPRISONED CONGRESS LEADERS SOON FORGOTTEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Reports concerning the second week's operation of the special Government measures in India are reassuring. In most Provinces, notably Madras, the Punjab, Bihar and Orissa, Bengal, the Central Provinces and Assam, there has been little activity, and, apart from the North-West Province, a general absence of trouble in rural areas.

The situation in Bombay City is well under control, and Congress has received only lukewarm support in the rest of the Presidency.

In the United Provinces the failure of the no-rent campaign has been a significant feature, and in the large towns of the Provinces there is a definite tendency for disturbances to settle down.

In the North-West Province, although many arrests are still necessary and disaffection tends to revive in some centres, general improvement continues.

In the Bombay Presidency the position generally is quiet.

The arrest of leading agitators and the seizure of notified places continue. A considerable number of those arrested have since been released. In several cases disclaimers or apologies have been accepted by District Magistrates.

Occasional hartals have received comparative little support.

Reports state that the removal of the principal agitators has had a salutary effect everywhere.

In the United Provinces orders prohibiting processions and meetings have been generally obeyed, and much less enthusiasm for the no-rent campaign has been shown.

Allahabad is still the worst centre of activity in the United Provinces, although no further serious clash between the police and processions has occurred.

In Bengal the situation generally is quiet, and the anti-Government movement has not gained momentum.

A decrease of important crime, as compared with the previous week, is recorded in Burma, where surrenders continue, particularly in the Prome District.—British Wireless Service.

THE IMPERTURBABLE HINKLER.

Hinkler, who played a game of golf on arriving at Casablanca after his South Atlantic flight, is an imperturbable fellow, with no nonsense about him. The last thing he would want to do would be to play the hero.

Flying is just the day's work to him, as I once discovered, to my comfort, during my earlier experiences of the air, writes a paragraphist in a London daily.

I had been taken up by a pilot who thought it fun to loop and roll and generally play the dunces with me. There was none of that about Hinkler, then an almost unknown flyer.

He did his job quietly and well, and did not see that thrills and stunts had anything to do with it. For which I was thankful.

There must come a time in the life of every tennis player when he or she says, "Is it worth it? Is lawn tennis the only thing in life? Are there not other things more important? What will be left to me when I can't play any more? Fame is an ephemeral thing. When you are champion the world applauds. But what do they care for you when another takes your place?" Some think that it is worth it, but others answer, "No," and begin to turn their minds in other directions.

You are busy. Yet you want to be informed of the news of the day. Then turn to the back page and read the news. It is the best news you can get. You can get it for nothing.

BOY - BANDIT SLAIN.

By A Woman Single-Handed.

19-YEAR-OLD TERROR.

(Reuter's Special Service.) Bucharest, Yesterday. Popa, Roumania's nineteen-year-old boy bandit, the terror of the countryside, has been slain by a woman single-handed.

Popa had attacked a party of villagers, and, having shot a man, was grappling with another, when the latter's wife felled him from behind with an axe.

LAUSANNE CONFERENCE.

Will It Meet?

WHO'LL ATTEND?

Paris, Yesterday. The date of the Lausanne Conference and the composition of the delegations is still undecided, according to a semi-official report of a French agency. It is not yet even known if the Conference will be held, or whether the delegates will be the Premiers and Finance Ministers, or the latter only, or simply experts.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday. Both Houses have voted four hundred and fifty thousand dollars to cover the expenses of the American delegation to the Disarmament Conference.—Reuter's American Service.

Negotiations Are Continuing. Paris, Yesterday. While negotiations are actively continuing between the Young Plan signatories with a view to finding a basis for a provisional Reparations agreement, there is a growing opinion in international circles that a definite and detailed solution is, at present, out of the question, according to a semi-official statement.

It is believed that France and Britain are nearing an agreement, but with a view simply to renewing the Hoover Moratorium to Germany for another six months or year.

Meanwhile, America's European debtors, who are Germany's creditors, would, according to the same statement, make a joint declaration demanding identical treatment at the hands of the United States Government as a condition to the extension of the moratorium to Germany.—Reuter.

STUDENTS AT IT AGAIN.

Nanking, Jan. 8. After keeping quiet for nearly a month, students from various parts of the country are reviving their agitation for a stronger policy against Japanese aggression.

Nanking, Jan. 9. About 500 students from the Nanking University presented a petition to President Sun Yat-sen of the Executive Yuan this morning, demanding that the Government's policy towards Japan be announced and that General Chiang Kai-shek and Messrs. Wang Ching-wei and Hu Han-min be prevailed upon to proceed to the Capital as soon as possible. The Government was also requested to render assistance to the military commanders in the North-east. The students were received by Dr. Kao Chieh-tou, Administrative Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Delegations from the National Central University and from schools in Hangchow also presented at the National Government building a similar demand. A student delegation from Shanghai is quarreling with the government for want of funds.

Students in Nanking are also demonstrating against birth control, as demanded by the Communist Party, and are in agreement with the suggestion that there are exceptions to provisions of birth control made by the Catholic Church.

Such a demand characterizes the attitude of Protestants in regard to birth control as confirmed by General Secretary of the Chinese Protestant Council, Dr. Lai Chi-kung, in a recent statement.

The Chinese Protestant Council, well decorated for work in connection with the opening of their new church, held an annual meeting for infantile

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CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER OFFICES STONED

ATTEMPT TO BURN DOWN A CONVENT

STRIKES IN SPAIN

CLASHES BETWEEN SOCIALISTS — REPUBLICANS AND TRADITIONALISTS.

Bilbao, Yesterday.

Following a clash between Socialist-Republican supporters and Traditionalist opponents in the new regime in Spain, a mob of Socialists and Republicans stoned and attempted to set fire to two Catholic newspaper offices and a convent. The Traditionalists fired on the attackers, killing three, while several persons, including two policemen, were wounded. Infantry were called out, and thirty-five Traditionalist leaders arrested.

Socialists and Republicans, in a consequence, have called a general strike as a protest against the action of the Traditionalists. All activities have been brought to a standstill. Shops have closed, and the streets are deserted.

A crowd of two thousand workers demonstrated in front of the prison in Bilbao to-day, and secured the release of three Communists arrested following the disorders mentioned in the preceding telegram. They carried off the prisoners amid triumphal cheers.—Reuter.

BOMBS FOR CIVIL GUARDS.

At Valencia two bombs were thrown into the barracks of the Civil Guard.

Two carabiners were disarmed by strikers in an affray in connection with a strike of metal workers at Sagunto.

At Barcelona six thousand textile operatives have struck work.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

THE DISORDERS IN HAWAII

Special Session of Legislature.

REVISION OF LAWS.

Honolulu, Yesterday.

The Hawaiian legislature met to-day in special session to deal with the situation arising out of assaults on women.

It is probable that the law enforcement machinery will be overhauled, and that "rape with violence" will be made a capital offence.—Reuter.

Washington, Yesterday. M. Laval is sounding the United States regarding the possibility of an extension of the Hoover moratorium.—Reuter's American Service.

Sailing round the world in a 20ft. boat for a prize of \$15,000, Aldo Nardi, of Sydney, aged 25, has arrived at Monaco after six and a half years' voyaging.

"WHY ALL THIS BIRTH-CONTROL TALK?"

CATHOLIC PAPER VOICES A PROTEST

PROTESTANTS CONFUSED

BIRTH-CONTROL CLINICS DESCRIBED AS INFANTICIDE AGENCIES

Rome, Yesterday.

While the coloured races on the other hand, are increasing, the Observers' Review, the organ of the Vatican, in an article published yesterday, against the suggestion that there are exceptions to provisions of birth control made by the Catholic Church.

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